

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

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The republican senatorial caucus to be held to-night is now expected to give special attention to the duty on hand. Senator Lodge and other New England Senators are making a strenuous effort to have bills put on the free list and the western Senators are working just as hard to hold the rate as originally fixed by the finance committee. It seems a point.

Captain W. H. Fowler, ex-collector of Internal Revenue for the upper district of Virginia, is now an officer of the Manhattan Insurance Company of New York, and has an office in this city.

The President to-day nominated Geo. W. Estery, of Minnesota, to be deputy auditor for the State and other departments.

In the House to-day Mr. Rizer of the Alexandria district introduced a bill to give the court of claims jurisdiction over the claims of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company and others against the government for its use and occupancy of the road of that company during the war between the States. Mr. Lamb of the Richmond district introduced a bill to increase the pension of W. M. Wallace, a soldier of the Mexican war, and one for the relief of Mary Dismas, of his district, widow of a soldier in the U. S. navy before 1851.

The following fourth class Virginia postmasters were appointed to-day: Blenheim, J. W. Smith; Brownsville, J. W. Rudacille; Craddockville, G. S. West; Davis Mills, J. D. Jacobs; Dillwyn, J. L. Anderson; Greenbackville, J. T. Hill; Hinton, J. D. Lineweaver; Kimballton, J. P. Buchanan; Lipscomb, J. W. Goode; Mount Laurel, J. E. Green; Stokes, W. B. Stokes.

During the past season 200,000,000 shad fry collected in the Potomac, Susquehanna and Delaware rivers have been distributed along the Atlantic coast from Massachusetts to Florida.

About fifty cadets at the United States Military Academy have been appointed for the next class year, among them being Philip H. Sheridan, son of the General Philip Sheridan, who is appointed a cadet at large.

The present treaty between Japan and Hawaii provides that it cannot be terminated without the consent of both parties, and Japan insists that if Hawaii be annexed to the United States her claims against the former must be acknowledged and accepted by the latter.

It is generally conceded by all the Virginians who come here that Mr. Tyler will be nominated for Governor of their State by the democratic convention thereof on the first ballot. One of the reasons assigned for such a nomination is the fact that four or five of those who want the nomination for Attorney General are from the Richmond section of the State, the friends of whom think his nomination would make that of any one of their respective favorites impossible.

Among the visitors on the floor of the Senate yesterday, when all the older members of that body were glad to see, was Mr. Estery, a former Senator from Louisiana and recently U. S. ambassador to France, who called there to see some of his old colleagues.

An effort was made on the floor of the Senate yesterday to get the anti-slavery bill advanced with the view of getting it reported to the Senate as soon as possible but failed. The opposition voted down a motion for a meeting next Saturday, and refused to agree to any meeting before the regular meeting day next week.

Senator Lodge to-day introduced a bill providing for the retirement of government employees and providing a fund for that purpose by withholding two per cent. of their salaries. Senator Spooner to-day presented a petition to the Senate signed by 125,000 citizens of Chicago protesting against the proposed increase in the tax on beer. The petition filled a wooden box two by three feet in size, and was carried out of the Senate chamber by two men.

Congressman Edward Dean Cooke was found dead in his room at the Cochran Hotel this morning about 5 o'clock, presumably of heart disease. Mr. Cooke retired about 11 o'clock last night apparently in perfect health. At 2 o'clock this morning Night Clerk Cochran was called to his room and found him dead, lying on his back, with his head on a pillow and his hands clasped over his chest. He was declared dead by a physician called. He returned to bed and nothing further was thought of the matter until Mr. Cochran returned to the hotel about 5 o'clock this morning and went to Mr. Cooke's room to inquire for him. Mr. Cooke was dead and his body was immediately surrounded, and it had been apparently dead for several hours.

UNQUALIFIED IN MAGNIFICENCE.—A gala performance of opera was given last night in London on a scale of magnificence never equalled. The Covent Garden Opera House was transformed into a paradise of roses. The cost of the rosebuds alone for this decoration was \$10,000. Upon each seat was spread a white satin programme fringed with silver, and bearing portraits of the Queen, and pictures of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince Edward. The audience was one of the most distinguished in point of rank and power that ever assembled under a public roof. The programme consisted of selections from Tannhauser, Romeo et Juliette and Les Huguenots. The artists surpassed themselves and made the occasion memorable in art, as it certainly was in social splendor. The Queen appeared at the state banquet in Buckingham Palace last night in a robe of black moire antique, the whole front of which was richly embroidered with gold in a unique oriental design. The guests included all the British and foreign royalties attending the jubilee, the diplomats and the special envoys.

GOV. ATKINSON TO THE RESCUE.—A dispatch from Parkersburg, W. Va., says: It is announced that the marriage of Gov. Atkinson and Mrs. Myra Camden will take place on June 25. Mrs. Camden was indicted recently on charges made in the name of the prosecuting attorney. She is accused of forgery and conspiracy to defraud in the settlement of her husband's estate. There is but a very slight chance that the case will come to trial. The indictment grew out of the fact that Mrs. Camden sold certain real estate belonging to Judge Camden to Joshua P. Owens for \$1,800, giving receipts for the money in the judge's name. The death of Judge Camden was very sudden and it is alleged that the receipts were not delivered until after his funeral. The heirs sued Mrs. Owens to recover the property, and were met with these receipts. The indictment followed.

SEARCHLIGHT MAKES A MANIAC.—Mary Mesarosh, of Hudson, N. Y., a Hungarian girl, seventeen years old, has been made a raving maniac by the searchlight of a steamer. The powerful rays were thrown into her room and frightened her so that she became insane. She was on Tuesday adjudged a lunatic and sent from there to the Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsie, for treatment.

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WHERE IT NOT for the fact that the communistic and anarchistic leaders always have the main chance in view, and look out for themselves, some excuse might be made for them, upon the ground that they have wheels in their heads, but as they invariably try to provide for their own precious selves, and thereby evince the possession of good sense, no such excuse is offered, let alone accepted. That Mr. Debs, for instance, has a sound mind, is made plain by the fact that though he is now professedly so imbued with altruism that he is engaged in a wild scheme to found a socialistic community, his natural and common sense egotism is so great that of the contributions to the support of such a community, he demands large weekly salaries for himself and his associate managers.

THERE is no doubt of the fact that while the interests of the few rich trusts, combines, monopolies and of those who subscribed to Mr. Hanna's corruption election fund, have been provided for in the new pillaging tariff bill, no account whatever has been taken of those of the many poor and hard working people—indeed the latter seem to be about the only one in the whole country who are not protected by the bill referred to. And yet their votes alone made the passage of the bill possible, and that, too, though they have free schools and cheap newspapers. When people were not taxed to educate other men's children common sense was more prevalent than it is now, and tariffs were low.

SENATOR HOAR interrupted the speech of a democratic colleague the other day, to ask him if he alluded to the "protectionist, Henry Clay?" Why, the highest tariff of which Mr. Clay ever conceived would be perfectly acceptable to the most pronounced revenue tariff man now, and would be denounced by Mr. Hoar and the protectionists as flat free trade. But republicans now, as ever, presume upon the ignorance, prejudice and stupidity of the people—for whom they profess a love surpassing that of women.

FROM ATHENS now comes the news that the "Christian patriots" of Greece, having fled from the "unspeakable" Turk, and deserted the army of their country, have now formed bands of brigands and are pillaging those people of Thessaly who have any thing of which to be robbed, and who consequently have been compelled to ask the "barbarous Moslems" to protect them and their property. But there are none so blind as those who will not see.

IN MANY of the cities of the country, Richmond among them, it is a punishable offense to throw dirt of any sort, or even paper, in the streets. If such were the case in Alexandria, the city would present a more attractive appearance to strangers than it does; and why it isn't, is another one of the many things which no fellow can find out.

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